

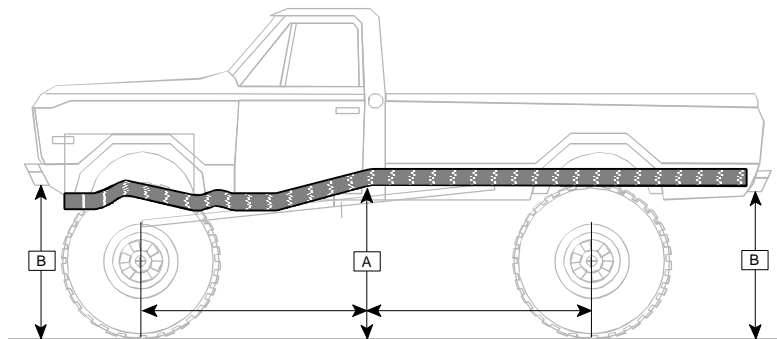
"HIGH RISE" VEHICLE LAW

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MCL 257.710c

Motor vehicles fall into one of two categories:
All vehicles must comply with both measurements!

PASSENGER VEHICLES:	Frame Height	Bumper Height
	12 inches	22 inches
A "passenger vehicle" includes all motor vehicles designed to carry 10 passengers or less, and vans that have a GVWR of 5000 lbs. or less (most "mini-vans"), except a truck, motorcycle, or multipurpose passenger vehicle.		

OTHER VEHICLES:	Frame Height	Bumper Height
Less than 4,501 pounds GVWR:	24 inches	26 inches
4,501 to 7,500 pounds GVWR:	24 inches	28 inches
7,501 to 10,000 pounds GVWR:	26 inches	30 inches
"Other vehicles" include pickup trucks, full size vans, and "multipurpose passenger vehicles", such as a Blazer, Bronco, Jeep, etc., or other motor vehicles having a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less.		



ITEMS TO NOTE:
A bumper is now required on both the front and the rear of <u>all</u> passenger cars, pickup trucks, and multipurpose passenger vehicles.
Frame height is measured to the bottom of the frame at a point <u>midway</u> between the front and rear axles. "Midway" means the <u>halfway</u> point. This may or may not be the lowest part of the frame. See diagram, measurement "A". Tires must be inflated to the manufacturer's recommended pressure.
Bumper height is measured at the <i>highest</i> point of the bottom of the bumper. See diagram, measurement "B". If the bottom of the bumper cannot be identified due to vehicle design, measure from the bottom of the forwardmost or rearmost portion of the bumper.
If a vehicle has an unaltered bumper that is in compliance with this section, it generally should <u>not</u> be necessary to crawl under the vehicle to measure the frame height.
The methods in which a vehicle can have a raised or altered suspension is now strictly regulated. All components must be factory manufactured, and must meet or exceed original manufacturer's specifications. A frame cannot be added to or altered. All lift blocks must be of single piece construction, and cannot exceed 4 inches in height between the rear axle and springs, or 3 inches between the body and frame. Refer to section 257.710c(4) of the Michigan Vehicle Code for a complete list.
Section 257.714a of the Michigan Vehicle Code requires "commercial vehicles", which <i>include</i> pickup trucks, to have MUDFLAPS unless the vehicle is constructed so as to prevent water and other road surface substances from being thrown to the rear. Refer to the statute for specific information and exceptions.